

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a heel pad for reducing the likelihood of decubitus  
5 ulcers on a patient's heels when the patient is lying on a mattress, the heel pad including, a  
cushion adapted to rest on the mattress beneath the calves of the patient, wherein the cushion  
has a front, a rear, a top, a bottom and a pair of ends, the cushion including a core layer having  
an arched profile, wherein the core tapers downward toward the front and the rear, and a top  
layer covering the core layer, the top layer being softer than the core layer, and thicker toward  
10 the front and rear edges, wherein the top of the cushion tapers downwardly toward the rear.